



Appointments Committee

Thursday, 17 July 2025 9.30 a.m.
Box 17 - Halton Stadium, Widnes

S. Young

Chief Executive

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Mike Wharton (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Sian Davidson	Reform UK
Councillor Mark Dennett	Labour
Councillor Margaret Ratcliffe	Liberal Democrats
Councillor Dave Thompson	Labour
Councillor Kevan Wainwright	Labour

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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**ITEM CONTAINING “EXEMPT” INFORMATION FALLING
WITHIN SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO
INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

In this case the Committee has a discretion to exclude the press and public but, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it is RECOMMENDED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having been satisfied that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appointments Committee held on Thursday, 29 May 2025 at the Halton Stadium, Widnes

Present: Councillors Dennett, Thompson and Wainwright

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Wharton, Davidson and Ratcliffe

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: S. Young and H. Hamlett

**ITEMS DEALT WITH
UNDER DUTIES
EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE**

		<i>Action</i>
APC1	MINUTES	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2024, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and agreed as a correct record.	
APC2	SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985	
	The Committee considered:	
	1) whether members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Committee during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and	
	2) whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.	

RESOLVED: That, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

APC3 STAFFING MATTER

The Committee considered a report that set out a proposed approach to the selection and appointment of an Interim Chief Executive (incorporating the role of Head of Paid Service and Acting Returning Officer) for a fixed period, pending a permanent recruitment process.

RESOLVED: That the Committee approves the recommended approach set out as Option 1 in the report.

Chief Executive

Meeting ended at 1.26 p.m.

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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